Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An optical pickup comprising:

a light-emitting part having a plurality of light sources that emit a laser beam of first wavelength and a laser beam of a second wavelength having optical axes that are mutually parallel with a specific distance;

a light-receiving member having a light-receiving element; and

a beam splitter that admits each of the laser beams, delivers each of the laser beams toward optical disks, and guides return beams from the optical disks toward the light-receiving member where the light-receiving element receives the return beams, wherein:

the beam splitter is provided with a wavelength-separating layer, the wavelength-separating layer being comprised of a medium having a first interface and a second interface, and a material placed between the interfaces having a specific refractive index, the first and second interfaces each having a first and a second wavelength selecting film formed thereon, which reflect or permeate the first and second wavelength laser beams each by specified rates;

the first interface reflects the laser beam of first wavelength and permeates the laser beam of second wavelength;

the second interface reflects the laser beam of second wavelength;

<u>the first interface and the second interface are disposed in parallel with each other;</u> and

the first and second interfaces permeate the laser beams of first and second wavelengths, with respect to the return beams;

and further wherein the wavelength separating layer is formed such that a reflecting position of the laser beam of first wavelength at the first interface and a delivering position of the laser beam of second wavelength at the first interface are set at the same positions, the optical axes of the respective laser beams are coincident to each other, and each of the laser beams is delivered from the beam splitter so as to cause the return beams to permeate through the wavelength separating layer and to be guided toward the light-receiving member.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously amended) An optical pickup according to Claim 1, wherein the first wavelength selecting film reflects the first laser beam approximately by 50 %, permeates it approximately by 50 %, and permeates the second laser beam almost by 100 %, and the second wavelength selecting film permeates the first laser beam almost by 100 %, reflects the second laser beam approximately by 50 %, and permeates it approximately by 50 %.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) An optical pickup according to Claim 1, wherein the beam splitter includes an optical plate and the wavelength-separating layer formed on the optical plate.

6. (Original) An optical pickup according to Claim 1, wherein the light-emitting part is a light-emitting member contained in one package.

7. (Original) An optical pickup according to Claim 6, wherein a diffraction grating is disposed between the light-emitting member and the beam splitter.

8. (Original) An optical pickup according to Claim 6, wherein the light-emitting member and the beam splitter each are fastened to a carriage separately, the interfaces are parallel with each other, the light-emitting member is arranged in such a manner that the light sources are parallel with a direction along the surfaces of the optical disk, and the beam splitter is disposed in such a manner that the incident angles of the laser beams on the interfaces are virtually 45°.